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Applicant: MICHAEL D. LAUFER, JEFFREY C. CERIER AND AMOS G. CRUZ

Title: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR TISSUE RECONFIGURATION

The prior application is assigned of record to ndo Surgical, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on March 7, 2000 at 010612/0524.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	43
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- Form PTO-1449's, 16 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning copies of the Form PTO-1449's with the examiner's initials.
- Revocation and New Power of Attorney (2 pages)
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- Preliminary amendment, 3 pages.
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation of (and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to) U.S. Application No. 09/654,655, filed September 5, 2000, which is a continuation of (and claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to) U.S. Application No. 09/520,273, filed March 7, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,663,639, which claims priority



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to 60/142,492, filed June 22, 1999. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of, and are incorporated by reference in, the disclosure of this application.

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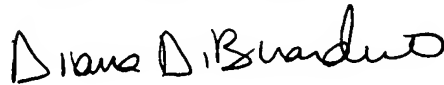
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